



CONGRESSMAN  
**CONOR LAMB**  
*Seventeenth District of Pennsylvania*

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# HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM CONGRESSMAN LAMB

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Dear Friend,

As 2021 comes to a close, I wanted to share with you the work I have done on behalf of Pennsylvania's 17th Congressional District over the past year.

This past year, I **introduced 23 bills** and was the **co-lead on 15 bills, more than half of which were bipartisan**. This past year, **five bills I led were signed into law**, including legislation to reverse the Trump Administration's rollback of Methane Pollution Standards for oil and gas facilities.

Here at home, my office helped to recover more than **\$10 million** owed by federal agencies to constituents. We helped neighbors get missing stimulus checks, tracked down missing Social Security payments and assisted veterans in getting the benefits they have earned. We also helped small businesses access the funds to make payroll during the pandemic and worked to ensure that folks on Medicare got the support they needed.

In 2021, Congress continued our work to help Americans recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and get our economy moving again. We passed the **American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (H.R. 1319)**, a \$1.9 trillion emergency bill that provided an additional round of economic impact payments to millions of Americans, extended unemployment benefits, supported small businesses, and provided much-needed funding for vaccines and testing. Congress also passed the bipartisan **Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (H.R. 3684)**, a \$1.2 trillion investment that will rebuild Pennsylvania's roads, bridges, electric grid and more with American materials and workers, as well as create and support hundreds of thousands of good-paying jobs in communities like ours across the country.

Additionally, the House recently took the first step in continuing our work for American families by passing the **Build Back Better Act (H.R. 5376)**. This transformative legislation will extend the expanded **Child Tax Credit**, lower childcare costs, support Universal Pre-K, improve care for our seniors and invest in clean energy. I will continue working in Washington to advance this critical legislation.

As always, if you need any assistance, please reach out to my office and we will be happy to help you. For more information about how we can help, or to learn more about what I am working on in Washington, please visit my website at [www.lamb.house.gov](http://www.lamb.house.gov). If you would like to receive updates from my office, please sign up for my e-newsletter: <https://lamb.house.gov/contact/newsletter>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Conor Lamb". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



# CONGRESSMAN LAMB 2021 By The Numbers

**\$10,328,234**

Returned to taxpayers  
through casework

**1,598**

Constituent cases completed

**40**

Grant support  
letters

**31,179**

Response letters to  
constituents

**23**

Bills introduced

**5**

Bills signed into law

**447**

Votes taken

**71%**

Bipartisan votes

**15**

Bills passed the House

**82**

Committee hearings &  
mark-ups attended

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Members of Congress worked together to pass a bipartisan Joint Resolution, which Congressman Lamb helped lead in the House to reverse the Trump Administration's Methane Pollution Standards for oil and gas facilities.

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## RESULTS IN WASHINGTON

Congressman Lamb is committed to working in a bipartisan manner to deliver results on local priorities. This year, Congressman Lamb **introduced 23 bills** and was the **co-lead on 15 bills**. **Five bills** the Congressman led **were signed into law** in 2021:

- H.R. 2788, VA Equal Employment Opportunity Counselor Modernization Act: Included in the REMOTE Act (H.R. 5545)
- H.R. 3908, the Support for Community Bridges Act: Included in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (H.R. 3684)
- H.R. 5367, the Advancing Energy Manufacturing in Coal Communities Act: Included in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (H.R. 3684)
- H.R. 5368, the Investing in Energy Regions Act: Included in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (H.R. 3684)
- A joint resolution providing for Congressional disapproval of the methane rule submitted by the Trump Administration relating to "Oil and Natural Gas Sector "



# IN THE DISTRICT

Congressman Lamb works to help constituents with a variety of services related to federal agencies, including missing stimulus checks, veterans' benefits, stalled tax refunds, Social Security or Medicare issues, passports, and more.

In 2021, Congressman Lamb's offices successfully **returned more than \$10 million to constituents and small businesses.**

The Federal Government has many programs that can provide funds for grant seekers needing assistance with local and state projects. In 2021, Congressman Lamb's office provided 40 letters of support to local government agencies and organizations.

In Washington, Congressman Lamb has advocated for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighter Grants (AFG) Program has helped to pass legislation to increase funding levels. In 2021, several how many? PA-17 volunteer fire departments received AFG grant awards totaling **more than \$815,000.**



Congressman Lamb introduced and passed legislation to designate the Hookstown, PA Post Office building as the "Staff Sergeant Dylan Elchin Post Office" in honor of Air Force Staff Sergeant Dylan J. Elchin, who was killed in action in Afghanistan. The building was dedicated on August 16, 2021.

# THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

## COVID-19 VACCINE

- 490 million shots in arms
- 1.1 million American lives saved
- 10.3 million hospitalizations prevented

## CHILD TAX CREDIT

- \$171 Million in tax cuts for 76,000 PA-17 families

In March, Congress passed the **American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (H.R. 1319)**. This \$1.9 trillion emergency legislation provided an additional round of economic impact payments to millions of Americans and invested in schools across the country to help them safely reopen.

It also provided much-needed funding for **vaccines and testing**, extended unemployment benefits, and supported small businesses with additional funding and assistance with reopening.

This bill also expanded the **Child Tax Credit (CTC)**, helping millions of middle-class families afford school supplies, healthy food, childcare and more.

The expansion of the CTC in the American Rescue Plan is one of the largest-ever single-year tax cuts for families with children. It increased the value of the CTC from \$2,000 per child to up to \$3,600 per child under six and \$3,000 per child six and older, putting money in the pockets of families to pay for household expenses and cut child poverty by more than 40 percent.



# BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE AND JOBS ACT

Congressman Lamb voted to pass the bipartisan \$1.2 trillion **Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (H.R. 3684)**, a once-in-a-generation investment in America's roads and bridges, energy and water infrastructure, transit, airports, rural broadband and more. It will create thousands of new jobs by rebuilding our nation's crumbling infrastructure using American materials and workers.

Congressman Lamb worked to ensure Pennsylvania's infrastructure needs were addressed in the legislation. Specifically, the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act includes language from the following bills led by Congressman Lamb:

- The **Support for Community Bridges Act** will increase funding to repair structurally deficient bridges, like many in PA;
- The **Investing in Energy Regions Act** will fund a pilot program to help analyze opportunities for installing new energy infrastructure on current or former mine land;
- The **Advancing Energy Manufacturing in Coal Communities Act** will help manufacturers near or in coal communities modernize their facilities to produce energy technologies; and
- The **Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act for Airports** will make new low-interest federal financing available to modernize our nation's airports.

Also included is an increase in federal highway funding to states. Congressman Lamb led a successful push in Congress to increase COVID-19 relief funding for state Departments of Transportation. As a result, Pennsylvania will receive millions of dollars to help our state and local communities recover from the pandemic.



In 2021, Congressman Lamb welcomed Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg to Western Pennsylvania to see firsthand how important federal infrastructure funding is for our region.



# INVESTING IN OUR REGION



Beyond the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, as a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Congressman Lamb is working in Washington to increase investment in our region's aging infrastructure. Decades of underinvestment have taken a toll on our infrastructure, and our roads, bridges, and water systems are crumbling.

This year, Congressman Lamb introduced the bipartisan **Providing Assistance for Vital Enhancements (PAVE) Act (H.R. 3201)**, legislation to authorize an additional \$18 billion in emergency funding for state Departments of Transportation (DOT). The funding from the PAVE Act will ensure that our region's transportation projects can get back on track and get more Western Pennsylvanians back to work.

Additionally, Congressman Lamb introduced the **Freight Rail Innovation Act (H.R. 3409)**. This bicameral legislation would establish a Freight Rail Innovation Institute, combining university researchers and manufacturers, with the goal of developing zero-emission locomotives. The federal funding could be used locally in Western Pennsylvania to accelerate the development of hydrogen-powered locomotives, create jobs in the energy industry, and boost our local economy.



# SERVING OUR VETERANS



Congressman Lamb serves on the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, which works on a bipartisan basis to support veterans and ensure they can access the care and benefits they've earned.

Congressman Lamb's **VA Equal Employment Opportunity Counselor Modernization Act (H.R. 2788)** was recently signed into law as part of the REMOTE Act (H.R. 5545). This bill will lift an outdated employee cap on the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) counselors.

The American Rescue Plan also included key provisions to help veterans and their families recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, by providing funding for the Veterans Health Administration and additional support for State Veterans Homes. In addition, Congressman Lamb advocated to secure funding for an allocation of vaccines for National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) employees, so that they could resume processing military personnel, health, and medical records requests and address the backlog of requests due to the closure of the facility amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

Congressman Lamb has been working to advance the Build Back Better Act, which would rebuild the physical infrastructure of the VA system, invest in VA's workforce, and provide much-needed updates to the support structures that serve our veterans. Most VA hospitals are more than 50 years old, and it is clear there are places where the infrastructure of these buildings is failing our veterans. To help the VA deliver quality care, Congress must ensure that it has safe, modern, clean facilities.

Congressman Lamb also introduced the bipartisan **Get Rewarding Outdoor Work (GROW) for our Veterans Act (H.R. 2789)**, a bill that directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a two-year pilot program to employ veterans for projects of the Departments of the Interior and Agriculture. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the veteran unemployment rate across the country has risen sharply — from 3.1 percent in 2019 to 11.7 percent in 2020. This bill will help foster employment opportunities for veterans.



## PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT AND CREATING JOBS

As a member of the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology, Congressman Lamb is working to find long-term solutions to protect our environment and create good energy jobs for Western Pennsylvania.

Congressman Lamb introduced the bipartisan **Resources to Expand Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization (RE-POWER) Act (H.R. 5000)**, to provide an additional \$1 billion in funding for the Appalachian Regional Commission's (ARC) POWER Initiative. Since 2015, ARC has invested over \$238 million in 293 projects touching 353 counties across Appalachia through the POWER Initiative, including **45 projects in Pennsylvania**. Together, these investments are projected to create or retain more than 26,000 jobs, leverage more than \$1.1 billion in additional private investment into local economies.

The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) was a federal work relief program in the Great Depression created to provide jobs on environmental projects. Congressman Lamb introduced the bicameral **REVIVE the CCC Act (H.R. 5191)** to revitalize the CCC into a modern-day employment, job training and conservation program, creating good jobs that protect and restore waterways, working lands and the health and resiliency of our communities.

In 2021, Congressman Lamb also introduced the bipartisan **Abandoned Well Remediation Research and Development Act (H.R. 4270)** which would establish an abandoned wells research, development, and demonstration program at the Department of Energy. This commonsense legislation will create good jobs in the oil and gas sector and help clean up our environment.

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# FOCUS ON EDUCATION

Congressman Lamb knows that higher education should be accessible and affordable. Those who choose to learn a trade or attend college should not have to risk financial stability to further their education.

Student loans are supposed to help people reach their career goals. Instead, it has burdened too many borrowers with unsustainable amounts of debt, while the cost of higher education is increasingly out of reach for too many. This year, Congressman Lamb introduced the **Pay Down, Upskill Act (H.R. 5523)**, legislation that would help reduce student debt loads and also help more Americans access the education that leads to good jobs.



For many Pennsylvanians it's still too hard to get to school. To assist these students, Congressman Lamb introduced the bipartisan **Promoting Advancement Through Transit Help (PATH) to College Act (H.R. 6036)**. The PATH to College Act establishes a new pilot grant program to increase access to public transportation for college students.

Pre-K teachers are critical to starting kids off on the right foot. To help these teachers, Congressman Lamb introduced the bipartisan **Supporting Early-Childhood Educators through Deductions (SEED) Act (H.R. 5254)** to allow early childhood educators to claim the existing above-the-line \$250 tax deduction available to K-12 teachers. The deduction would help Pre-K teachers defray the cost of providing supplies for their classrooms.

Finally, recognizing that too many borrowers, particularly veteran borrowers, are still burdened by the impacts of the coronavirus on their finances, Congressman Lamb led a letter to President Biden, cosigned by eight other members of the Pennsylvania delegation, asking the Administration to continue the suspension on federal student loan payments until this national emergency is over. The Biden Administration continued the suspension on loans for another 90 days.





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Please contact my office for assistance with the following areas:

- ☒ Social Security & Medicare
- ☒ IRS Issues
- ☒ Passports & Visas
- ☒ Small Business Assistance
- ☒ Federal Student Loans
- ☒ Federal Grants & Loans
- ☒ Visits to Washington, D.C.
- ☒ Service Academy Nominations
- ☒ Veterans' Benefits & Services
- ☒ Other Federal Agency Issues

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